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ACT No. 81

HOUSE BILL NO. 218

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1(1.1) and 190(D) and to enact R.S. 32:401(24) and
3 408(C)(3), relative to autocycles; to amend the definition of autocycle; to provide for
4 a helmet exemption for operators and passengers of certain autocycles; to provide
5 for an exemption for certain driver's license endorsements for operators of certain
6 autocycles; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:1(1.1) and 190(D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 32:401(24) and 408(C)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1. Definitions

11 When used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the
12 meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates a
13 different meaning:

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15 (1.1)(a) "Autocycle" means an enclosed motorcycle that is equipped with
16 safety belts, rollbar or roll cage, windshield wipers, steering wheel, and equipment
17 otherwise required on a motorcycle and ~~which~~ that has no more than three wheels in
18 contact with the roadway at any one time.

19 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "roll cage" shall mean a hardtop
20 enclosure protecting occupants from the elements that will support the vehicle's

1 weight and is so designed as to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on
2 this enclosure.

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4 §190. Safety helmets

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6 D. This Section does not apply to a person operating or riding in an
7 autocycle if the vehicle is equipped with a roof ~~which~~ that meets or exceeds
8 standards for a safety helmet or a roll cage. As used in this Subsection, "roll cage"
9 shall mean a hardtop enclosure protecting occupants from the elements that will
10 support the vehicle's weight and is so designed as to protect the occupants when the
11 vehicle is resting on this enclosure.

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13 §401. Definitions

14 The following words and phrases when used in this Chapter shall have the
15 meaning herein assigned unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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17 (24)(a) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle on which the driver
18 and all passengers ride in a completely enclosed seating area that is equipped with
19 a roll cage, safety belts for all occupants, airbag protection, antilock brakes, and is
20 designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals.

21 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "roll cage" shall mean a hardtop
22 enclosure protecting occupants from the elements that will support the vehicle's
23 weight and is so designed as to protect the occupants when the vehicle is resting on
24 this enclosure.

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26 §408. Examination of applicants required; classes of licenses

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28 C.

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1 (3) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to
2 autocycles as defined by R.S. 32:401(24). As such, the operation of an autocycle
3 shall not require a special endorsement but shall only require that the operator hold
4 a valid driver's license.

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6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2014.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____